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NETTERS AT NEW YORK

AND NEWPORT.

Boats Finding Mackerel in Close Proximity to Market.

Capt. Frank Nolan of sch. Actor is certainly driving things. He was at New York on Monday with 300 fresh mackerel, the first netting trip of the season, and this morning he is again at Fulton Market, with a splendid fare of 1800 large fresh mackerel.

Fresh mackerel brought 50 cents apiece there yesterday, and at this rate the Actor is in for a big stock.

The netter Robert C. Harris, Capt. Parkman G. Hodgdon, is also at Fulton Market this morning with 500 large fresh mackerel.

A few fish are also there, shipped from Atlantic City.

Sch. Louise, a netter, which shipped three barrels of fresh mackerel to New York yesterday, got her fish off Edgartown.

One netter took 28 mackerel off Hyannis Wednesday and shipped them to Boston yesterday.

FIVE NETTERS AT NEWPORT.

Sloop Dart Landed Third and Others Second Trips.

The netters off Newport are certainly making quick trips, for many of those that were in yesterday with mackerel fares are in again today, showing that they cannot be fishing too far off from their market place. Our correspondent wires us the following arrivals this morning:

Sloop Active, 50 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Pearl, 100 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Alice, 80 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Betsy Ross, 90 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Dart, 120 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Olga, 100 large fresh mackerel.

This is the third trip for the Dart in as many days.

Our correspondent also reports that the seiners Saladin, Pontiac, Pinta, Dauntless, Grayling, Natalie J. Nelson, Terra Nova, Fannie E. Prescott, and Indianna are in there today for harbor and that the wind is blowing northeast.

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300,000,000 FLOUNDERS.

Federal Commission Plants Them on This Coast.

The flounder industry promises splendidly along the Massachusetts coast, and indeed, all the way from Martha's Vineyard to Kittery, Me., according to United States Fish Commissioner George Bowers. He is planting 300,000,000 flounders in Massachusetts shore waters this season, just as an evidence of good faith, and this is only a starter.

"The Greeks, fishing with trawls along the Massachusetts coast," said Mr. Bowers today, "have stirred up the flounders, and pulled in large quantities of them, which are of great commercial value in the aggregate. The filet de sole that comes from France is accounted such a fine dish is nothing in the world but our flounder. The imports of the French sole are very large.

This is also the season when Mr. Bowers is getting ready to plant lobsters by the millions off the New England coast. The catch of egg-bearing crustaceans, he says, is unusually promising. The commissioner regards this as especially gratifying because he contends that the abundance of lobsters of the New England coast last year was due to the planting that the United States commissioner began about five years ago. The fish commissioner of Maine does not agree with Mr. Bowers on this point, holding that the supply has been replenished by the preservation of the egg-bearing species.

The lobster operations at the Boothbay harbor station will be conducted on a lower scale this year than ever. Mr. Bowers wants the waters of the North Atlantic to swarm with that toothsome species, and expects the work of the commission to contribute to that end.

Provincetown Schooner Ashore.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, of Provincetown, in rounding the end of Cape Cod yesterday, went ashore on Race Point. Assistance was sent from Provincetown and as the craft was resting easily, it was expected that she would be floated without damage at high water today.

Newburyport Fish Receipts.

Three Rockport fishing boats, the Margaret, Jessie P., and Scud, landed 5000 pounds of steak cod yesterday at Newburyport which they disposed of at the Consumers' Fresh Fish Co. Local parties landed 1200 pounds at the wharf of the same company.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Trawl fishing, which has been so extensively introduced on Japanese coasts, may be curtailed. Vice-Consul-General E. G. Babbitt sends a newspaper article from Yokohama which states that the Japanese fishery conference at Tokyo passed a resolution in favor of the prohibition of steam trawlers.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Eugenia, via Boston.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

Sch. Morgaria, (new), south seining.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Catherine Burke, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt. medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.

Bank halibut, 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.

Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt., medium \$2.50, snappers \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

The Provincetown schs. Monitor and Gladstone are soon to be fitted for salt bank dory handline trips. Sch. American is now at Boston fitting out.

Sch. Madonna was at Shelburne, N. S., on Tuesday and cleared.

Capt. James Jewett of this port will take command of the fishing sloop Olympia, owned by William C. Williams of Kittery Point and lately out of commission. Capt. Jewett has recently sold his sch. Grace E. Freeman to Capt. Thomas Frost.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. M. Madeleine, Capt. Roland Brewer, is here to fit for south mackerel netting.

Sch. Herbert is on Burnham's railways.

Schs. Lucy B. Winsor and M. Madeleine are on the Rocky Neck railways.

The new sch. Georgia, Capt. Frank Cahoon, sailed on her maiden trip, south seining, yesterday afternoon.

There is but one arrival at this port today, sch. Frances P. Mesquita coming down from Boston with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish to go to the splitters.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 500 haddock, 4000 cod, 30,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Almeida, 8000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 500 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Two Sisters.

Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Emelia Enos, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 7000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 7500 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 20,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 1700 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 24,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Oriole, 1000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 4500 haddock, 2400 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 9000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.65 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.30 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.50; hake, 75 cts. to \$2; cusk, \$1; pollock, \$1.25.

Portland Fishing Notes.

About 40,000 pounds of mixed fish were landed at Portland Wednesday, mostly by the small boats.

Sch. Fanny Hayden had 4000 pounds, sloop Azorean 4000 pounds and sloop Hobson 2000 pounds.

The new fishing schooner Topsail Girl, recently launched at East Boothbay, came to Portland Wednesday afternoon under her own sail and docked at Commercial wharf, where she attracted considerable attention. Quite a party of friends of Capt. Doggett, the skipper, were on board and enjoyed the trip up immensely. The new craft is built in the most substantial manner and is fitted and furnished in the best shape, no expense having been spared in her construction, with the object of having her fully equal to best products of the Essex yards. She will leave in about three weeks to engage in sword fishing and will carry a crew of 12 men.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

Sloops Dart, Active, Golden Eagle, Leah C. and Pearl sailed South Monday to engage in mackerel dragging. Others to follow in a few days are Vesta, Briganza, Crescent, Rattler, L. P. Foster, Bessie, Perseverance, Magnolia, Louie Warren, Torpedo, Commodore, Malicia Enos, Nancy, Little Jennie and Florence.

Capt. John G. Silva of New Bedford has purchased sloop Arthur Drummond from Capt. Jackson R. Williams.

Capt. William Miller of the sloop Golden Eagle left for Newport, May 2. Capt. William O'Neil of sloop Vesta left for Newport Tuesday.

Sch. Rose Dorothea met with loss of main gaff last week and torn mainsail.

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HERRING FROM BAY OF ISLANDS.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson Brings 1140 Barrels.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. Charles Rudolph, arrived here this morning, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1140 barrels of barrelled salt herring for Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The vessel has been gone but three weeks on the trip.

Capt. Rudolph reports being nine days on the passage home and eight days going down, securing his load in four days. He reports herring plenty and had no difficulty in securing his cargo in short order.

The trip is an unusual one, as it is seldom if ever that a Gloucester craft has gone to Bay of Islands in the spring of the year for a fare of salt herring. It is understood that the market is pretty bare of these kind of goods and that the demand is good.

North Sydney, C. B., Fishing Notes.

The Newfoundland fishing schooner Helen Vair, Capt. Rose, was in port for bait and supplies on Wednesday. She has 100 quintals of fish on board.

The French fishing schooner La Tour Dagona took in 35 barrels of herring bait Tuesday and cleared for the banks.

Sch. Linda Tibbo, which has been in port several days taking in bait, cleared Tuesday for the banks. Her catch so far this season amounts to 200 quintals. Good catches of spring herring were made Tuesday by local fishermen, who find a ready market for their catch among the fishing schooners in port. One vessel Tuesday took 35 barrels at \$2.25 per barrel.

The French fishing schooner Xenophon is at Dominion wharf having a new topmast put in place. A squall of wind carried away the old one. The Xenophon's catch for the season so far is 400 quintals.

Steamer Bruce arrived at Port Aux-Basque at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with 80 passengers. She passed through a good deal of loose ice on the way up, principally along the Cape Breton coast.

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Floated Uninjured.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, which went ashore on the long sand bar two miles from Wolf Island, in the Magdalen group, Wednesday night, was floated yesterday undamaged. She also got her baiting of fresh herring and sailed last night for the fishing ground.

Herring at Magdalen Islands.

Herring have struck at the Magdalen Islands and the advance guard of the big fishing fleet to come there began to bait yesterday.

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Seeking New Mackerel.

The Mahone Bay, N. S., brigantine Maggie Belle has cleared for the south. She carries 300 packages of fish for Venezuela on this trip. This is a new market for our fish merchants. The extent of future shipments to that country will largely depend on the outcome of this experiment.

Alewives at Edgartown.

Alewives are still plenty at Edgartown and selling at 50 cents per hundred.

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LICENSES FOR LOBSTERMEN.

Will be Required if Proposed Law Is Enacted.

Lobster fishermen of Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester and the sea coast towns will be required to take out licenses from the state fish and game commission this summer, if the present attitude of the legislative committee on fish and game is maintained.

While it may be said that this action has not been fully decided upon, it is a fact that the committee on fisheries and game have authorized the state fish and game commission to draw a bill along these lines and to submit it to the committee in executive session.

The bill which the fish and game commission is now preparing will provide that each person wishing to engage in the lobster fishery must take out a license and pay a license fee of \$1. He must mark his traps, his buoys, his storage boxes, not only with his name, but with his license number. To engage in the lobster business, for profit, without a license will make a party liable to a fine of \$50 and the confiscation of all his gear.

There will be no change in the present law as to the legal length of lobsters that can or cannot be caught, but the new law will impose the same fine and danger of loss of gear to fishermen who have been found to have lobsters of illegal length in their possession.

The fish and game commission expects that nearly 2000 licenses will be taken out, although at the present time they have annual returns from only 250 or 300 fishermen. One feature of this law of interest to the fish and game commission is that it will enable the board to get more complete returns for statistical purposes of lobsters caught in Massachusetts. The present law requires such returns from fishermen, but it is commonly acknowledged that few returns are made and many of these are not in any way complete. This new law imposes a fine for lobster fishermen for dredging without a license, will cause them to make a return at the end of the season, otherwise the commission having their name and address can look them up and cause returns to be made.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1140 lbs., salt barrelled herring.
Sch. Manhasset, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulet, shore.
Sch. Grace Darling, to fit.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Eugenia, Rips.
Sch. Ella G. King, Georges.
Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges.
Sch. John M. Keen, south netting.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Motor, haddocking.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, south seining.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Grace Otis, Rips.
Sch. Manhasset, Boston.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lillian of this port arrived at North Sydney, C. B., from the Banks on Tuesday evening.

Sch. Essex, Capt. Arsenault, arrived at North Sydney last Monday and beached at the ballast grounds where repairs were made to her stern, which was damaged by ice.

Sch. Onato of Boston arrived at North Sydney on Wednesday bound for the Banks.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis was at Hawkesbury, C. B., Wednesday.

The Lunenburg, N. S., fishing sch. Carrie L. Hirtle arrived in Halifax, Saturday from the Banks and reports the loss of her anchor and hawser, and broken windlass, the former having fouled the Atlantic cable. The schooner has 300 quintals of fish. The schooner repaired at Lunenburg and sailed again Monday.

Sch. Grace Darling, of Beverly, is here to fit for Rips fishing.

The Ligan, C. B., sch. Hy D. Davis has fitted and sailed fresh halibuting from North Sydney, C. B.

Sch. Loran B. Snow, Capt. William Snow, landed 13,000 pounds of halibut and 11,000 pounds of cod and cusk at Yarmouth, N. S., on Saturday, which were purchased by W. A. Killam.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot of Rockport is at this port to fit for south mackerel netting and is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker, will fit for Cape Shore seining trip Monday.

Sch. Mary E. Harty has completed her repairs to her engine and sailed south seining yesterday afternoon.

Sch. Morning Star is on Burnham's railways.

Sloop Wodan and yacht Sunshine are on the Rocky Neck railways.

Boston.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7500 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Manomet, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Alcina, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Cleaves, 2200 haddock.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Emerald, 3000 haddock.

Sch. Galatea, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Wesley W. Sinnett, 1400 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Bulah Maud, 1500 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Helena, 2500 cod.

Sch. Diana, 3500 cod.

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DIVING FOR FISH.

Methods Employed by Native Fishermen in an India Stream.

A unique method of fishing is employed by natives along the Panlaung river.

Two dugout boats are employed about 20 feet long, with two men with long poles, one in the bow, the other at the stern punting the boat along. They stretch a long rope made of bamboos and plaited grass about a hundred

yards long and weighted about every 10 yards with big stones. This they let down into the water, and the fish are frightened toward the bank. The divers then jump in three at a time, remaining down about 20 seconds.

They carry gaffs about 18 inches long and fishhooks with cords attached. When they strike they let go the gaff and the fish is hauled up in the boat. A big fire is lighted on the river bank, and the men warm themselves before it when not diving.—Rangoon Gazette.

SALT COD DAY IN THE HARBOR.

Five Georges and Drift Craft at This Port Today.

It is salt cod day in the harbor this morning, no less than five of the Georges handline and drift fleet being home with catches ranging from 22,000 to 40,000 pounds each.

Of the drifters, sch. E. C. Hussey, Capt. Clifford Hopkins, has the leading fare, 40,000 pounds, which shows that she struck good fishing. Sch. Edward A. Rich, Capt. Thomas Allen, has 22,000 pounds, and sch. Volant, Capt. Allen Dolman, has about 30,000 pounds. These are the first salt Rips cod fares of the season, and average better than the first fares last season.

From straight Georges handlining, sch. Titania, Capt. Patrick Vale, is in with 28,000 pounds of salt cod and 3000 pounds of halibut, while sch. W. H. Moody, Capt. Andrew Gorveneau, has 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 3000 pounds of halibut.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. John Stream, from Georges halibuting, arrived yesterday, being out only 19 days with 18,000 pounds of halibut, 10,000 pounds of salt cod and 8000 pounds of fresh fish. Capt. Stream fished on Georges.

On Saturday night, three of the pollock seining fleet came in, and their fares went to the splitters, steamer Water Witch having 10,000 pounds, steamer Quartette 20,000 pounds and sch. Mary Emerson, 12,000 pounds.

Salted Clams for Bait.

Sch. Lillian is at this port from Southwest Harbor, Me., with 166 barrels of salted clams for bait.

FRESH FISH MARKET DULL.

Twenty-Five Boats at Boston but Prices Are Low.

The fresh fish market has opened poorly this week, for with 25 arrivals at T wharf this morning, mostly all market fishermen, the prices are low on account of trade being unexpectedly dull. Some of the vessels had not sold their fares at 9 o'clock.

Schs. Rose Dorothea and Gov. Russell, which have been using off shore, have good hauls, about 60,000 pounds each while sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, leads the shore boats with 35,000 pounds of haddock and cod.

Most of the shore boats have small catches. Sch. Victor and Ethan has 17,000 pounds, sch. Rose Cabral 19,000 pounds, sch. Flora J. Sears 16,000 pounds and sch. George H. Lubee, 15,000 pounds. Sch. Appomattox, drift fishing, has 22,000 pounds of fresh cod and the pollock seiner Olive F. Hutchins has 30,000 pounds of these latter kind of fish. Steamer Bryde F. has 14,000 pounds of pollock. The rest of the fleet in have from 1000 to 12,000 pounds each, so that the total is not large.

Sloop Minnie, the first of the "cunner" fleet this season, is here with 200 dozen fish.

Haddock at the opening, sold at \$1.75 and \$2, large cod at \$2.50, market cod at \$1.75, hake at \$1.50 to \$3, and pollock \$1. Even at these figures the fish went slowly and several fares were unsold.